GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1267
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AIR SERVICE FOR BILASPUR CHHATTISGARH
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce air-service for Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh) in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have any scheme in regard to widening the airstrip of Bilaspur-Chakrabhata and introduce any passenger air service there from in order to facilitate the passengers of Bilaspur and Korba cities;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c): Vayudoot was earlier operating Dornier services to Bilaspur. The service which had commenced on 17th January, 1988 was withdrawn in September, 1990. Indian Airlines has, however no plans to start air services for Bilaspur(Chhattisgarh) at present due to non-availability of suitable aircraft in its fleet. Airline Operators are, however, free to operate on any sector subject to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines and commercial viability.

(d), (e) and (f): No, Sir. Airports Authority of India have no scheme to widen the airstrip at Bilaspur -Chakrabhata as no airline operator has projected the requirement to operate scheduled passenger flights through Bilaspur.